

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, March 12, 1907, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Atlantic City, New Jersey.  
March 12th, 1907. Dear Mabel:

Telegram just received from Hon. St. George Tucker, President of Jamestown Exposition, says:

Norfolk, Virginia. March 12, 1907.

Jamestown Aeronautic Committee anxious to announce your acceptance as President of Congress — see my letter December thirty-first. Wire answer.

(Signed) Hon. St. George Tucker.

I have already declined — I think two or three times — to have anything to do officially with the Jamestown Exposition and want to be left at peace to go on with experiments at Beinn Bhreagh. Felt quite annoyed about the matter and do not understand this telegram after my positive declination to have any official connection with the Exposition. Of course it is a great honor to be asked to preside at an International Congress and I only hope that my telegram to Mr. St. George Tucker has not revealed the annoyance I feel. My reply is as follows:

Atlantic City, N. J. March 12, 1907.

Hon. St. George Tucker, Norfolk, Virginia.

Please express to Jamestown Aeronautic Committee my sincere regret that I cannot accept the Presidency of 2 Congress or appear in any official capacity at Jamestown

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Exposition. I thought I made this clear in my letter to you some months ago and am therefore somewhat at a loss to understand your telegram of this date.

(Signed) Graham Bell.

I am feeling finely — but Mr. Baldwin has a bad cold. I think one more day here is as much as we can stand. Had a fine time — but have now, I think, exhausted Atlantic City. Propose to leave here Thursday on through train to Washington.

Thanks for letter and telegrams — you are a darling — and I love you.

Your loving husband, Alec.

Mrs. A. G. Bell, 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C.